(b) whether it is a fact that the ACRs have become highly personal and cardinal; and

(c) the steps proposed to change the system and make it transparent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) In order to make the performance appraisal system transparent, it has been decided to disclose Performance Appraisal Reports to the officers reported upon and to constitute the Referral Boards to consider representations from the officers reported upon on the performance assessment.

Age limit for getting jobs

†1716. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bihar Government have raised the age-limit for getting jobs; and

(b) whether Government are also considering to raise the age-limit, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) Matter raised does not concern the Government of India. However, the same is being collected from Government of Bihar.

(b) No proposal to raise the existing age-limit for recruitment to posts in the Government of India is presently under consideration.

Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT)

1717. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the broad objectives envisaged in constituting the Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT);

(b) the details of number of cases dealt with by CAT since its inception till 30th June, 2006, year-wise;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.